

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 257, nays 168, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 383]

#### YEAS—257

Aderholt	Fox	Miller (FL)
Akin	Franks (AZ)	Miller (MI)
Alexander	Frelinghuysen	Miller, Gary
Baca	Gallely	Mollohan
Bachus	Garrett (NJ)	Moran (KS)
Baker	Gerlach	Murphy
Barrett (SC)	Gibbons	Musgrave
Bartlett (MD)	Gilchrest	Myrick
Barton (TX)	Gillmor	Neugebauer
Bass	Gingrey	Ney
Beauprez	Gohmert	Norwood
Berkley	Goode	Nunes
Berry	Goodlatte	Nussle
Biggert	Gordon	Ortiz
Bilbray	Granger	Osborne
Bilirakis	Graves	Otter
Bishop (GA)	Green (WI)	Oxley
Bishop (UT)	Green, Al	Pastor
Blackburn	Green, Gene	Paul
Blunt	Gutknecht	Pearce
Boehlert	Hall	Pence
Boehner	Hart	Peterson (MN)
Bonilla	Hastings (WA)	Peterson (PA)
Bonner	Hayes	Petri
Bono	Hayworth	Pickering
Boozman	Hefley	Pitts
Boren	Hensarling	Platts
Boustany	Herger	Poe
Boyd	Herseeth	Pombo
Bradley (NH)	Higgins	Porter
Brady (TX)	Hobson	Price (GA)
Brown (SC)	Hoekstra	Pryce (OH)
Brown-Waite,	Hostettler	Putnam
Ginny	Hulshof	Radanovich
Burgess	Hunter	Rahall
Burton (IN)	Hyde	Ramstad
Buyer	Inglis (SC)	Regula
Calvert	Issa	Rehberg
Camp (MI)	Istook	Reichert
Campbell (CA)	Jenkins	Renzi
Cannon	Jindal	Reyes
Cantor	Johnson (CT)	Reynolds
Capito	Johnson (IL)	Rogers (AL)
Carter	Johnson, Sam	Rogers (KY)
Castle	Jones (NC)	Rogers (MI)
Chabot	Keller	Rohrabacher
Chandler	Kelly	Ros-Lehtinen
Chocola	Kennedy (MN)	Ross
Coble	King (IA)	Royce
Cole (OK)	King (NY)	Ryan (WI)
Conaway	Kingston	Ryun (KS)
Cramer	Kirk	Salazar
Crenshaw	Kline	Saxton
Cubin	Knollenberg	Schmidt
Cuellar	Kolbe	Schwarz (MI)
Culberson	Kuhl (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Davis (KY)	LaHood	Sessions
Davis (TN)	Latham	Shadegg
Davis, Jo Ann	LaTourette	Shaw
Davis, Tom	Leach	Sherwood
Deal (GA)	Lewis (CA)	Shimkus
Dent	Lewis (KY)	Shuster
Diaz-Balart, L.	Linder	Simmons
Diaz-Balart, M.	LoBiondo	Simpson
Doolittle	Lucas	Smith (NJ)
Drake	Lungren, Daniel	Smith (TX)
Dreier	E.	Sodrel
Duncan	Mack	Souder
Edwards	Manzullo	Stearns
Ehlers	Marchant	Sullivan
Emanuel	Marshall	Sweeney
Emerson	Matheson	Tancredo
English (PA)	McCaul (TX)	Tanner
Everett	McCotter	Taylor (NC)
Feeney	McCrery	Terry
Ferguson	McHenry	Thomas
Fitzpatrick (PA)	McHugh	Thornberry
Flake	McIntyre	Tiahrt
Foley	McKeon	Tiberi
Forbes	McMorris	Turner
Fortenberry	Melancon	Upton
Fossella	Mica	Walden (OR)

Walsh  
Wamp  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller

Westmoreland  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)

Wolf  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

#### NAYS—168

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Allen  
Andrews  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Barrow  
Bean  
Becerra  
Berman  
Bishop (NY)  
Blumenauer  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (OH)  
Brown, Corrine  
Butterfield  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carson  
Case  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Crowley  
Cummings  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Frank (MA)  
Gonzalez  
Grijalva  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Hinchey

Hinojosa  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hooley  
Hoyer  
Inlee  
Israel  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
  (TX)  
Jefferson  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kind  
Kucinich  
Langevin  
Lantos  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lynch  
Maloney  
Markley  
Matsui  
McCarthy  
McCollum (MN)  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Michaud  
Millender-  
  McDonald  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (VA)  
Murtha  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Oliver

Owens  
Pallone  
Pascarell  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Pomeroy  
Price (NC)  
Rangel  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Sabo  
Sanchez, Linda  
  T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sanders  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schwartz (PA)  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Shays  
Sherman  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Spratt  
Stark  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Tauscher  
Taylor (MS)  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tierney  
Towns  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Wasserman  
  Schultz  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Wexler  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn

#### NOT VOTING—7

Evans	Harris	Ryan (OH)
Ford	McKinney	
Gutierrez	Northup	

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2389.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

#### PLEDGE PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 920 and rule

XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2389.

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#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2389) to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance, with Mr. LATOURETTE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As we approach this bill today, Mr. Chairman, I want to make the point that clearly the Pledge of Allegiance is well understood by this body and the Members of this body. It is repeated here every day. The words of the Pledge are words that we have learned since our childhood:

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

When Congress passed the bill adding the words “under God,” Congress stated its belief that those words in no way run contrary to the first amendment, but recognize “only the guidance of God in our national affairs.”

Two words, “under God,” in the Pledge helped define our national heritage as the beneficiaries of a Constitution sent to the States for ratification “in the year of our Lord,” as the ratification statement said, 1787, by a founding generation that saw itself as guided by a providential God. These two words were added to the Pledge in the 1950s, and at that time President Eisenhower made the point that in those days of Cold War, those days after World War II, that it was important that we realize that there was something bigger than ourselves and that our country was guided by that.

For decades children have been reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in classrooms across America. The Pledge of Allegiance is an important civic ritual. It binds us together as Americans. But last year that daily ritual was halted in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The court actually told teachers and children in Alaska and Arizona, in California and Hawaii, in Idaho and Montana, in Nevada, Oregon, and Washington that they could not recite the Pledge of Allegiance as they had for decades in their classrooms.